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SUBJECT: GULF IRAQI EXPO SET FOR NOVEMBER 2007

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¶1. The "Gulf Iraqi Expo 2007" trade show, postponed from March 2007 (reftel) has been rescheduled for November 1-3, 2007 in Manama, Bahrain at the Bahrain International Exhibition Center. The event is being organized under the patronage of the Bahraini Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Iraqi Ministry of Trade and is the first of its kind to take place in the Gulf region. A diplomatic note from the Iraqi Embassy in Bahrain advises that ministers and officials will be present from several ministries including planning, oil, trade, communication, electricity, housing, transportation, and water. Activities include an exhibition, a conference, and bilateral meetings run by the United Nations Development Program in which companies from various sectors will participate.

¶2. Post has advised the local AmCham regarding the new date and requests the support of regional posts in soliciting participation among local and US expat business entities.

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